

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
May 9, 2011
REGULAR SESSION

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Kirby presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

Council Members Present: Bridget Powers, Kevin Hanley, Keith Nesbitt, Bill Kirby

Council Members Absent: J. M. "Mike" Holmes

Staff Members Present: City Manager Robert Richardson, City Attorney Michael Colantuono, Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi, Transit Analyst Megan Siren, Administrative Services Director Andy Heath and Police Captain John Ruffcorn.

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mayor Kirby presented Placer Land Trust and Nature Center and May is Bike Month Proclamations.

Mayor Kirby and Council Member Nesbitt recognized members of the local organizing committee for the Amgen Tour of California stage start this May.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved as presented by consensus of the Council.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Warrants**

By **RESOLUTION 11-49**, ratify and approve payment of warrants 77184 through 77358 totaling \$724,130.13

2. **Minutes**

By **MOTION**, approve City Council Minutes of April 11, 2011.

3. **Adoption of “Appropriations Limit” for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year**

By **RESOLUTION 11-50**, adopt the Fiscal Year 2011-12 “Appropriations Limit” for the City of Auburn in the amount of \$12,296,832.

4. **Proposition 1B Transit Security Grant Program – On-Board Cameras**

By **RESOLUTION 11-51**, authorize the City Manager and/or Director of Public Works to submit and execute on behalf of the City of Auburn a grant application for the California Transit Security Grant Program.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION**, approve the consent calendar.

MOTION: Hanley/ Powers/ Approved 4:0 (Holmes absent)

5. **Public Comment**

Dave Breninger, General Manager for the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) briefed the Council on the failure of a PG&E canal and water supply emergency (handout available in the City Clerks office). He asked the community to decrease their water consumption by 25% or more until the canal break is fixed. He said it is crucial to send a message to the community urging cooperation in the effort to conserve water.

Brian Jensen, with PG&E, briefed the Council on the canal break emergency. He discussed the short term and long term solutions being worked on by PG&E.

Alvin Thoma, Director of Power Generation with PG&E, described the permanent fix to the canal break. He also addressed the timeline of the repairs.

REPORTS

6. **Auburn Municipal Code Section 100.87; Fuel Modification Standards, One Year Report**

Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi presented this item. He said this is an update on the defensible space ordinance that was passed last year and how it is positively affecting the community.

Council Member Hanley said he sees support in the community for this ordinance. He said this acts as an excellent tool to keep the community fire-safe.

Council Member Nesbitt said he appreciates the report and he is glad that property rights and abuse of the ordinance have not been an issue.

7. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Powers reported that the Airport Business Park Association met last week and said they would like both the City Manager and Mayor to do a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Capital Corridor Joint Powers Authority securing funding for high speed interstate rail.

Council Member Nesbitt reported on the Amgen Tour of California Stage 3 start to take place May 17th. He highlighted all the events taking place before the stage start.

Mayor Kirby recognized Captain Ruffcorn and his committee that has worked on the Amgen Tour of California Stage Start in Auburn.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

8. **Ad Hoc City Charter Committee**

City Manager Robert Richardson introduced this item.

Council Member Hanley said he favors the structure that was set up at the April 11th meeting to have three public meetings spread over three months to ensure public input. He asked how this committee would be staffed, due to the technical nature of the issue.

Council Member Powers clarified that the three public meetings were intended to allow for comparisons between options, discussion of pros and cons, and other public input.

Robert Richardson said there will be alternating meetings with reports from each department regarding operating costs and discussions of the charter. He said the two issues are not necessarily connected; they are being brought before council at the same time because they were determined to be priority issues during the city council goal setting meeting.

Council Member Hanley said there are three main issues before the council: budget, a performance-based system, and the charter city discussion.

Mayor Kirby said in order to make a decision on becoming a charter city he needs to know the impact it will have on every department in the City and how they will function under the charter.

Council Member Hanley said each department can be addressed during their reports on their opinion on how a city charter would affect their current level of service and operation.

Dennis Dean, a resident of Sacramento County, asked about upcoming dates for discussion of the charter. He also asked if a committee would be responsible for drafting the charter.

Council Member Nesbitt said he doesn't see a strong benefit to an ad hoc committee. He said the only way a committee could be of value is if they poll the public about questions and concerns to be brought up at the three public meetings.

Council Member Hanley moved to table the item for the present time.

Council Member Powers said this is one of the many avenues the council is exploring to remain fully transparent while creating a city that runs and operates in the most efficient manner.

Mayor Kirby said the ad hoc committee idea had already been defeated in a prior meeting and there is no need to table this motion.

Council Member Hanley said he wants to move forward with the three scheduled meetings and public input; a committee could be created at a later time if necessary.

By **MOTION**, table this item indefinitely.

MOTION: Hanley/ Nesbitt/ Approved 3:1 (Kirby voted no; Holmes absent)

Council recessed for 5 minutes

9. **Funding Agreement with PCTPA for the Auburn Transit Bus Replacement Project**

Transit Manager Megan Siren presented this item.

By **RESOLUTION 11-52**, authorize the City Manager to execute the funding agreement with Placer County Transportation Planning Agency for the Auburn Transit Bus Replacement Project.

MOTION: Nesbitt/ Powers/ Approved 4:0 (Holmes absent)

10. **Funding Agreement with PCTPA for the Mikkelsen Bus Shelter Project**

Transit Manager Megan Siren presented this item.

By **RESOLUTION 11-53**, authorize the City Manager to execute the funding agreement with Placer County Transportation Planning Agency for the Mikkelsen Bus Shelter Project.

MOTION: Nesbitt/ Powers/ Approved 4:0 (Holmes absent)

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Kirby adjourned this meeting, without objection, at 7:26 p.m.

William W. Kirby, M.D., Mayor

Joseph G. R. Labrie, City Clerk